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CAIRO PASS ALEXANDRIA

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SUBJECT: SRI-ARRANGED MEETING OF TOP INTERNATIONAL
BUSINESSMEN ON MIDDLE EAST: VISIT OF SRI EXECUTIVE VICE
PRESIDENT TO CAIRO

, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF STANFORD RESEARCH
INSTITUTE, DR. WELDON B. GIBSON, WILL BE VISITING CAIRO
AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 3 TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR MEETING
IN CAIRO OF SOME 30-50 PRESIDENTS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS
OF MAJOR AMERICAN FIRMS INTERESTED IN BUSINESS IN THE
MIDDLE EAST. CAIRO MEETING IN EARLY MARCH WOULD BE
PRELUDE TO A LARGER SRI-ARRANGED SESSION IN BEIRUT IN
JUNE, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SENIOR EXECUTIVES OF BUSINESS
FIRMS FROM AT LEAST 25 COUNTRIES. THEME WOULD BE
BUSINESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. CAIRO MEETING WOULD BE
EXCLUSIVELY AMERICAN.

2. GIBSON HAS DISCUSSED THIS PROPOSAL WITH-SENIOR -
DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING DEPUTY SECRETARY. WE
HAVE ENDORSED HIS IDEAS, SINCE THEY APPEAR
COMPLEMENTARY TO OUR OWN OBJECTIVES IN THE JOINT
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COMMISSION, FOR EXAMPLE.

3. GIBSON WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS WITH
AMBASSADOR EILTS AND EMBASSY OFFICERS AND REQUESTS

THEIR ASSISTANCE IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS WITH KEY
EGYPTIANS IN GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS
FIELDS. HE SPOKE TO MINISTER OF PLANNING ABDALLAH
ABOUT SRI IDEAS AND ABDALLAH INDICATED HE WOULD BE
HAPPY TO RECEIVE GIBSON ON HIS CAIRO TRIP. GIBSON
WOULD BE PLEASED WITH APPOINTMENTS ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2,
AND MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 3. HE MUST, HOWEVER, DEPART
AFTERNOON OF 3RD. HE WILL BE ARRIVING CAIRO
EVENING OF AUGUST 31 AND WILL STAY AT HILTON. WOULD
APPRECIATE MESSAGES RE APPOINTMENTS BEING LEFT FOR HIM
THERE. HE IS ALSO PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO ALEXANDRIA
IF APPOINTMENTS THERE ARE DESIRABLE.

4. GIBSON WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED BY
DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN AUGUST 22 WHETHER EMBASSY
BELIEVES PROPOSED VISIT SUITABLE AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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